

Amendment
SN 09/359,561
Page 4 of 17

95
similar manner to that of IPG layout 500. The layout 600 is divided vertically such that the informational video, e.g., a video barker, appears on the right half of the layout and the guide region appears on the left. The guide graphics, graphical icons, background imagery, and informational video are combined and then encoded in the same manner as discussed above. A detailed description of the IPG 600 is presented in commonly assigned US patent application Serial No. 09/359,560, filed on July 22, 1999 (Attorney docket number 070 CIP2) and herein incorporated by reference.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 1 and 22-29.

Please rewrite claim 2, 9, 10 and 11 as claim as claims 2 (amended), 9. (amended), 10. (amended), and 11 (amended) as follows:

2. (amended) A method of producing an encoded user interface comprising:

96
producing a video frame sequence representing an interactive program guide by combining, in a frame synchronized manner, background imagery with at least one video sequence and at least one graphic containing program guide information to form said video frame sequence;

encoding said video frame sequence within a head end of an information distribution system.

97
9. (amended) The method of claim 2 wherein the video frame sequence is a television program.

10. (amended) The method of claim 2 wherein the video frame sequence is an advertising program.